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In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was usually barely steady beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate, occasionally good. Supplies were closely balanced to available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for the moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA/MN/WI were unchanged. All other reported prices were sharply lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail demand was light to at times good. Food service movement was generally light. Supplies were slightly mixed, ranging at times close to usually fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand continued light for the adequate offerings. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	38-48	39-45	LARGE	20-29	24
LARGE	37-47	38-41	MEDIUM	6-12	10
MEDIUM	23-33	25-28	SMALL	6-10	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for mostly normal breaking schedules. Light type hens were fully adequate for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49-64	50-53
LARGE	43-57	48-52
MEDIUM	28-41	32-35

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to fairly good. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand continued light for the adequate offerings. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
LARGE	47.5-56	49-52
MEDIUM	29.5-38	31-34

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was barely steady beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate following the holiday. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47.5-62	49-52
LARGE	46-59	47-50
MEDIUM	30.5-48	31-35

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday. Trade sentiment following the holiday was barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	57-61
LARGE	55-59
MEDIUM	40-44

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-54	47-51
LARGE	44-53	45-47
MEDIUM	30-39	33-35

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 9 cents lower on jumbo, 6-7 cents lower on extra large, 7 cents lower on large, and 8 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 32% lower than last Monday with California down 32% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 33%. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices 9 cents lower on jumbo, 7 cents lower on extra large and large, and 8 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 32% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand slowed. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 45. Additional Easter ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 2 for \$5, large dozen 3 for \$3.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	97
EXTRA LARGE	90
LARGE	80
MEDIUM	65

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE
JUMBO	249-259	269-369
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	219-305
LARGE	149-219	199-289
MEDIUM	189-205	159-219

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 01, 2005 will decrease by 40 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 25, 2005 were 355,314 cases which was 33 percent above the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	313,219	42,095	355,314

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
% change from the prior week.....	+38	+6	+33

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand continued light while offerings were adequate for current schedules. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	22-25	23-25
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-16	13-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances less than normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-MAR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.5	11.25-13	12.28
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Sales of finished product were fair with schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-MAR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-15.25	11-13	12.14

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 14, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.1	15.5	7.6	11.1	63.3
	Change	-0.8	-1.4	-3.5	-0.9	-11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.0	33.2	7.7	20.8	112.2
	Change	-1.8	1.3	-3.3	-4.0	-18%
Large	Curr Wk	68.8	83.7	42.7	85.2	352.6
	Change	-8.2	-26.2	-26.1	-28.9	-29%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.2	41.2	13.1	23.6	118.9
	Change	-10.6	-2.5	-3.8	-7.1	-20%
Small	Curr Wk	5.4	7.2	2.2	5.1	23.0
	Change	0.7	-1.9	0.3	-0.8	-8%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.5	24.9	12.5	14.8	64.9
	Change	-0.2	-2.3	2.2	-1.9	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	8.4	37.7	16.4	26.0	112.7
	Change	-0.6	0.8	-5.3	-4.3	-12%
Total	Curr Wk	134.4	243.4	102.2	186.6	847.6
Percent	Change	-14%	-12%	-28%	-20%	-21%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	847.6	-21%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	245.0	9%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,092.6	-16%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESAL PRICE-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2005

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 25, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							22.00		FUTURE LOADS							8.25		TOTAL LOADS							30.25	
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST				
GNR W 1	—	—	26.00	27.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.50									
GL W J	—	—	—	—	30.50	—	.50	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.47									
GL W XL	—	—	39.00	41.00	29.89	—	12.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37.64									
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	26.57	—	2.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	29.00	—	31.00									
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	21.00	—	1.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.00	—	28.00									
GL W SM	—	—	23.75	26.63	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	—	23.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	21.00	24.00	8.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/21/05-03/25/05

CURRENT LOADS 115.50								FUTURE LOADS 37.50				TOTAL LOADS 153.00					
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	31.00	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	39.00	40.61	4.50		
GNR W 1	33.00	29.50	30.00	34.61	—	28.33	12.75	GL W XL	33.50	39.50	—	—	43.50	41.25	11.50		
GNR W 2	—	—	—	33.33	—	—	3.00	GL W LG	—	37.17	—	—	41.50	39.95	10.25		
GNR W 3	—	—	—	29.00	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	18.67	32.50	—	—	29.00	27.14	5.75		
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	6.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	26.00	28.00	1.00		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	27.29	—	3.50	NRBS - 48	—	23.00	—	—	—	—	8.00		
GL W XL	—	44.75	42.67	45.21	35.79	—	40.25	NRBS - 42	17.50	18.50	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GL W LG	—	43.17	40.33	41.86	28.52	—	21.25										
GL W MD	—	—	29.65	27.71	20.28	23.63	11.25										
GL W SM	25.50	28.00	23.83	26.42	21.33	24.33	7.00										
NRBS - 48	22.71	23.00	—	24.50	21.45	24.26	61.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	18.00	19.50	1.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/21/05	03/14/05	03/22/04
PACIFIC COAST	335	336	164
LOS ANGELES	326	326	97

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market was unchanged on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate to light.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.63
LARGE	63.63
MEDIUM	48.08
SMALL	45.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 142	125 - 128

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 3/23/2005

Report Period: 2/27/2005 - 3/5/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	3,554	3,554
Colorado	0	0	5,834	5,834
Illinois	0	0	900	900
Indiana	0	0	950	950
Iowa	8,318	2,836	65,230	76,384
Michigan	0	765	2,463	3,228
Minnesota	7,254	2,820	10,747	20,821
Missouri	0	0	6,335	6,335
Nevada	0	0	1,530	1,530
Ohio	0	0	3,210	3,210
Oregon	1,507	396	0	1,903
South Dakota	0	0	3,954	3,954
Texas	0	0	5,785	5,785
Utah	0	0	11,930	11,930
Washington	3	0	0	3
Wisconsin	0	0	1,560	1,560
TOTAL	17,082	6,817	123,982	147,881
SHIPPED				
TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED				
TO NONMILITARY	17,082	6,817	123,982	147,881

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 3/23/2005

Report Period: 3/6/2005 - 3/12/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,635	1,635
Arkansas	0	0	800	800
Colorado	0	0	1,672	1,672
Indiana	0	0	843	843
Iowa	7,739	7,950	63,595	79,284
Michigan	0	2,430	4,064	6,494
Minnesota	4,720	975	8,030	13,725
Missouri	0	0	2,412	2,412
Nevada	0	0	810	810
Ohio	0	0	4,122	4,122
Oregon	4,481	0	0	4,481
South Dakota	870	0	3,146	4,016
Texas	0	0	3,050	3,050
Utah	780	0	4,788	5,568
Washington	86	576	1,714	2,376
Wisconsin	0	0	3,006	3,006
TOTAL	18,676	11,931	103,687	134,294
SHIPPED				
TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED				
TO NONMILITARY	18,676	11,931	103,687	134,294